1: Turnbull, Colin M. The Mbuti Pygmies: an ethnographic survey. American Museum of Natural History, Anthropological Papers 50 (1965): 139-282. New York, American Museum of Natural History, 1965.

13 plates; 53 text figures; bibliography.

HRAF Copy. /HRAF pagination pp. 139-309, including end plates./

[This study is inferior to Turnbull's two other major publications on the Mbuti, mainly because it is based on secondary source material of questionable validity. Presented as a thesis in 1956, this publication is supplemented and revised with the benefit of Turnbull's 1957-58 field experience. In one major respect it is a valuable addition to Turnbull's existing corpus of work: it offers extensive comparison of net-hunters, on whom Turnbull has concentrated, with the archer Mbuti, Schebesta's prime source. Useful research questions are raised which subsequent first-hand material has partially answered.

Due to technical difficulties in reproducing for the files the large double columned pages of the original book, it has been necessary to quarter each of these pages in order to reduce them to a size adaptable to the 5" x 8" file page format. Text figures and plates were also reduced in size to fit the file-sized pages.]

Field date: 1951, 1954-1955
Analysts: Adolph Hoehling, marker
John Beierle, checker

Evaluation: Ethnologist - 4, 5
Processed in 1971-1972

2: Turnbull, Colin M. Wayward servants; the two worlds of the African Pygmies. Garden City, N.Y., The Natural History Press, 1965.

14, 391 p.; 11 tables; 6 maps; 11 plans; 42 photographs; 3 appendices; glossary; bibliography; index.

Yale: Nkd83 B28 965T. DLC card no.: 65-17265.

[On the basis of an extensive and close association with a band of the Epulu net-hunters, Colin Turnbull examines the cultural factors contributing to the cohesiveness of the Mbuti bands and their independence of villager control. The author rests the weight of his proof on examination of the puberty initiation and death rituals as practiced in the band. It is his strong conclusion that the Mbuti Pygmies are quite self-reliant and have a value system which distinctly separates them from the neighboring villagers.]

Field Dates: 1951, 1957, 1958
Analysts: Adolph Hoehling, marker
John Beierle, checker

Evaluation: Ethnologist - 5
Processed in 1970-1971

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3: Turnbull, Colin M. The forest people. Foreword by Harry L. Shapiro. Third printing. New York, Simon and Schuster, 1962.

Pp. 2, 295; 12 photographs; 3 maps; glossary; index; biographical note.

HRAF copy. DLC card no. 61-12850.

[In a style which is more dramatic narrative than scholarly, Colin Turnbull singles out a few events in order to present a general picture of an Epulu net-hunting band of Mbuti Pygmies. Extensive sections portray the band's reaction to the death of one of its members in a Congolese native village, which included flight to a forest camp and a prolonged molimo mourning ceremony. Another large part is taken up with narrative of rites and attitudes related to coming-of-age and marriage. The theme running throughout these activities is a preference and reverence for forest life in contrast with the sedentary, cleared-plantation settlements of the Congo natives.]

Field dates: 1951, 1957, 1958
Analyst: Adolph Hoehling, marker
John Beierle, checker

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1970-1971

4: Putnam, Patrick. The Pygmies of the Ituri Forest. In, Carleton S. Coon, ed., A Reader in General Anthropology. New York, Henry Holt and Company, 1948: 322-342.

Personal copy of T. O'Leary.

[This is a broad impressionistic survey of primarily net-hunting Mbuti. Putnam stressed a few topics and missed quite a few others: relations of Pygmies with Congolese villagers, Pygmy locomotion and hunting technique are described in adequate detail, but kinship and community structure information is sketchy and lacking in the light of Turnbull's material. There is a good account of the ritual involved in the division of game catch.]

Field date: No date
Analysts: Adolph Hoehling, marker
John Beierle, checker

Evaluation: Ethnologist -- 5
Processed in 1971